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SUBJ: TRADE UNIONS AND THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

REF: AIDTO CIRCULAR A-431 (8-7-76)

1. MISSION NOMINATED MR. UBALDO CASTANON NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF THE URBAN SCHOOLTEACHERS FOR REFERENCE STUDY PROGRAM (OCTOBER 11 TO NOV. 10, 1976). CASTANON WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOB AS NATIONAL COORDINATOR. HOWEVER, HE HAD ALREADY HELD ELECTIVE POSITIONS IN THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF URBAN TEACHERS OF BOLIVIA AND IS WELL REGARDED BY THE RANK AND FILE. A GRADUATE OF AIFLD'S FRONT ROYAL COURSE, CASTANON IS A SERIOUS HARD WORKING UNION LEADER IN ONE OF BOLIVIA'S MOST IMPORTANT LABOR GROUPS. THE FEDERATION HAS TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND MEMBERS. WE EXPECT CASTANON TO CONTINUE IN THE FEDERATION AND IF UNION ELECTIONS ARE HELD, TO OCCUPY IMPORTANT POSTS IN THE FUTURE.

2. MISSION DOES NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE FUNDS TO STUDY PROGRAM. THEREFORE, SUBJECT TO OLAB APPROVAL OF CASTANON'S NOMINATION, WE REQUEST OLAB FUNDING (PARA 9 REF MESSAGE). AS REQUESTED (PARA 12 REF AIDTO) MISSION APPROVES WAIVER PERMITTING OLAB TO FUND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.

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